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SUBJECT: AGENDA FOR OECD COUNCIL AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL

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1. SUMMARY. FURTHER COMMENTS GIVEN ON DRAFTGENDA FOR MINISTERIAL COUNCIL MEETING, WITH INDICATION DF IMPLI-CATIONS FOR PREPARATORY WORK.

2. GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS. AS INDICATED IN PREVIOUS MESSAGES, GENERAL OBJECTIVE ENVISAGED FOR THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL MEETING OF OECD COUNCIL AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL IS TO ADDRESS FEW MAJOR PROBLEMS WHICH ARE ESPECIALLY TIMELY OR EVEN URGENT FOR GOVERNMENTAL POLICY DECISION. THESE LARGELY CENTER IN THE FIELD OF ENERGY ITSELF OR IN THE IMPLICATIONS WHICH CURRENT AND PROSPECTIVE ENERGY  
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DEVELOPMENTS POSE FOR OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES THEMSELVES

(IN DOMESTIC ECONOMIC POLICY, TRADE, INVESTMENT AND MONETARY QUESTIONS); AND WITH REGARD TO RELATIONS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

3. THUS SECGEN HAS AVOIDED ASKING MINISTERS TO CONSIDER ALL ON-GOING ACTIVITIES OF ORGANIZATION, SO AS TO CONCENTRATE ON THOSE ISSUES WHICH REQUIRE PRIORITY ATTENTION BY MINISTERIAL. THIS CONCEPT SO FAR HAS BEEN WIDELY ACCEPTED IN DISCUSSIONS OF COUNCIL AT PERM REP LEVEL. SECGEN HAS ALSO TOLD ME THAT HE HAS PURPOSELY EXPRESSED AGENDA TOPICS IN FASHION TO STRESS IDEA OF CO-OPERATION, WITH HOPE TO CONTRIBUTE SOMEWHAT TO IMPROVING CURRENT ATMOSPHERE AND PROMOTING CONSTRUCTIVE RATHER THAN DIVISIVE DEBATE. HIS CONCERN ABOUT EXISTING TENSIONS, PRIMARILY FRANCO-AMERICAN, I HAVE WELCOMED, WHATEVER PROSPECT MIGHT BE FOR EASING THEM IN THIS MANNER.

4. SPECIFIC COMMENTS. DOCUMENTS WHICH WILL BE SUBMITTED AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION OF ITEM L PROBABLY WILL CONSTITUTE SOMEWHAT ALTERED VERSION OF CE(74)3 PREPARED FOR DISCUSSION APRIL 23-24 BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE IN SPECIAL SESSION (XCSS), SUITABLY DIVIDED INTO TWO PAPERS AND WITH EXPANDED TREATMENT OF DOMESTIC ECONOMIC POLICY QUESTIONS INCLUDING INFLATION. ISSUES IN XCSS DOCUMENT, WHICH SUGGESTS UTILITY OF MEMBER COUNTRIES ENTERING INTO RATHER SPECIFIC ENGAGEMENTS TO PURSUE CERTAIN POLICIES OR PROCEDURES AND NOT TO ADOPT CERTAIN INAPPROPRIATE DOMESTIC OR EXTERNAL MEASURES, HAVE ALSO BEEN CONSIDERED TO SOME EXTENT IN TRADE COMMITTEE, DAC, AND WP-3 OF EPC, AS WELL AS CERTAIN NON-OECD BODIES.

5. XCSS MEETING WILL BE ONE IMPORTANT STEP IN PREPARING FOR MINISTERIAL DISCUSSION AND DECISIONS, BOTH BECAUSE OF ITS TIMING (THREE WEEKS PRIOR TO MINISTERIAL) AND BECAUSE OF REASONABLY AUTHORITATIVE COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES AT XCSS, ESPECIALLY IN TRADE POLICY FIELD. OUTCOME OF XCSS SHOULD GIVE CLEAR INDICATION OF ATTITUDE OF

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OF KEY MEMBER COUNTRIES TOWARD NOTION OF PLEDGING SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS REGARDING POLICY BEHAVIOR, AND XCSS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED WITH THIS IN MIND. ANY DECISION OR RESOLUTIONS OF THIS NATURE WHICH SEEM POSSIBLE COULD THEN BE REFINED BY PERM REPS AND COULD BE ADOPTED BY MINISTERIAL COUNCIL AND/OR BE REFLECTED IN COMMUNIQUE THERE.

6. DISCUSSION OF AGENDA ITEM 2, "OECD COOPERATION ON ENERGY POLICIES", WILL NO DOUBT BE CONDITIONED BY FACT THAT IT WILL OCCUR PRIOR TO CIRCULATION IN JULY OF OECD MAJOR REPORT ON LONG-TERM ENERGY ASSESSMENT AND ALSO PRIOR TO COMPLETION ECG SHORT-TERM WORK. THUS THIS ITEM NOT SO LIKELY TO LEAD TO FIRM DECISIONS BUT WILL AFFORD INISTERS OPPORTUNITY COMMENT ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SELECTED ASPECTS OF ENERGY PROBLEM THEY WISH TO STRESS, PARTICULARLY THOSE MENTIONED US OECD 8144.

7. NOTE THAT XCSS DOCUMENTS ON NON-OIL COMMODITY PROBLEMS MAY, DEPENDING ON OUTCOME AT XCSS, CALL FOR SOME ATTENTION AT MINISTERIAL, PERHAPS IN ENDORSEMENT BY COMMUNIQUE OF FURTHER OECD WORK ON COMMODITY SUPPLY FIELD.

8. CONSIDERATIONS RAISED PARAS 5 AND 7 IMPLY THAT OECD MEMBERS INCLUDING USG NEED ACCELERATE THEIR PREPARATION, IN AS CONCRETE TERMS AS POSSIBLE, AND TO SEE XCSS AS ONE OF STEPS LEADING TO MINISTERIAL COUNCIL.

9. FOREGOING COMMENTS DO NOT REFLECT WHATEVER AMENDMENT OF ITEM ITEM 1 MAY BE AGREED.  
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